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Grid contest now underway

With this issue of the paper, the **Times-Virginian** launches its 1982 version of the annual readers' football contest.

For the next ten weeks, readers will have the opportunity to test their skill at predicting the outcome of key football games at the college and high school levels.

The person who accurately predicts the outcome of the most games each week will be declared the winner, and receive a $20 cash prize. The second-place winner will receive a $10 cash prize each week.

There is an additional $10 cashe prize for the first or second place winner if he or she predicts the Appomattox County High School varsity football game.

In addition, the winners each week will receive from the Chicken Palace Restaurant a free chicken dinner for their expertise in predicting the outcomes of the contest games.

The football contest, a popular autumn feature of the **Times-Virginian** for several years, attracts many football enthusiasts, male and female alike, who enjoy testing their soothsaying abilities on their favorite fall sport.

Each week the contest features 23 games between teams popular in this area, and many fans of the contest keep a running tally of the teams' records in order to help their "crystal balls."

Full details on how to play the game can be found on the contest page each week, opposite the sports page. This week's contest page is on page 8.

Winners of the football contest will be announced each week in a front page story in the Times-Virginian.

Stadium parking restricted

Due to field damage, there will be no parking inside the back fence at Bragg Stadium during ACHS home games this season, according to Athletic Director Howard Clabough.

Only team buses, the rescue squad units and officials will be allowed to park inside the fence, according to Clabough.

In addition, Clabough points out that no tickets will be sold at the back gate. Tickets can be purchased at the two front gates during the 1982 season.

More than $1500 given

Citizens of Appomattox County contributed a total of $1,535.34 during the weekend Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, according to Bobbie Mullins, Appomattox County telethon chairperson.

This figure represents a total of $1,053 donated in telephone pledges, and $482 dropped into the "fish bowl" present at the Telethon Headquarters (town office) on Monday.

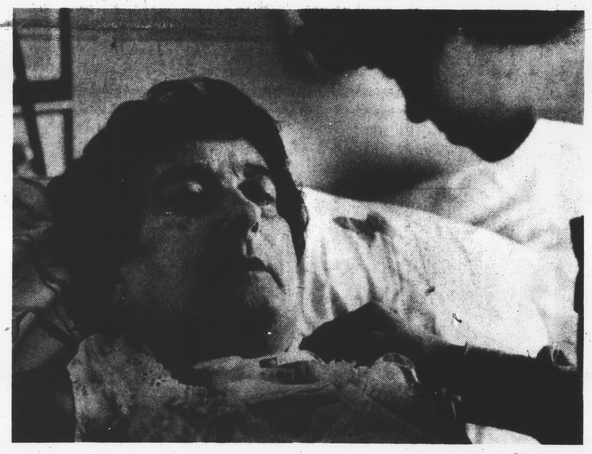
Mullins said that one reason for the extraordinarily good fishbowl receipts this year was the work of the children from the Our Lady Of Peach Catholic Church, who dressed as clowns during the effort and solicited donations from people in the community and at the Telethon's Monday afternoon festivities.

Those festivities included a variety of games, live music compliments of the Country Drifters band, and appearances by the clowns and the Quick-EE Food Store Slushpuppy.

"In a time when money is so tight, it is nice to know that people are still willing to help a worthy cause," Mullins said Tuesday. "I want to thank all the people who made donations, and the people who worked on the Telethon effort in Appomattox County this year," she added.

In the photos at left, Clown Bill Britton takes local children for a ride, and the MDA Clowns gather for a group portrait.

Movie 'ET' has special meaning for woman



MRS. ELLIE JARRELLS, widow of the late Floyd Jarrells of Appomattox, has irreversible emphysema and is a patient in the intensive care unit of Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg. For her, a recent trip to see the movie "E.T." was in itself a near miracle. (Photo courtesy of Fredericksburg Freelance Star)

By FRANCES PAULETTE

Miss Ellie went to the movies!!

When Appomattox friends and relatives of Mrs. Ellie Jarrells, 62, heard of her trip to the movies, they found it difficult to believe, but if, indeed, it did happen, then they were happy beyond words!

It is true, Ellie Jarrells went to see the movie, E. T. at the Spotsylvania Mall and as she watched from her bed in the rear of the theatre, her blue eyes filled with tears at the sad moments in the film and at the happy parts, she wore a broad smile.

As doctors on the screen tried to revive the extra terrestrial from the movie, 'E. T., the sound of the respirator was as real as the one attached to Miss Ellie's throat.

Going to the movies, for Miss Ellie, took a lot of courage and a lot of help from concerned people. Miss Ellie lives in the Intensive Care Unit of the Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg.

Int was in January of this year, that Ellie Jarrells, the widow of the late Floyd Jarrells, formerly of Appomattox, was taken to the hospital, unable to breathe on her own. The victim of irreversible emphysema, she is dying and she knows it, but she is making it through each day courageously with the help of her family, friends, nurses and doctors.

Bedridden and attached to a respirator, her lungs are so weak she can no longer talk. She communicates by mouthing words silently to the nurses who have learned to read lips so well they can understand everything she says.

Because of her condition, she is a very special patient on the third floor of that hospital. The doctors and nurses are constantly looking for ways to make her life more comfortable and pleasant. Her family and friends are permitted to come and go as they please. The movie was a part of the therapy although no doctor's orders were written on her chart.

It was Wanda Heath, a nurse on the third floor of the hospital, who came up with the idea of taking Miss Ellie to the movies.

The movie, E. T., was chosen for its emotional highs and lows, so that Miss Ellie could laugh and cry if she wanted to. It was more than just seeing the movie, it was getting her out of that hospital for a while.

Maybe it sounded simple when they talked about it, but as it turned out it was anything but simple. The Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad gave their time to man the ambulance; nurses and doctors had to rearrange their busy schedules; the Spotsylvania Mall theatre manager had to move seats in the back of the theatre for the bed and entourage of attandants and a mini-intensive care unit had to be put together for the trip.

Miss Ellie had her hair done for the trip and her son Waynes brought her a corsage of red rose buds for the occasion.

Dr. Peter Smith, Mrs. Jarrell's doctor commented that a few years ago this would not have been possible.

While the respirator provided the life-giving support, a volunteer fanned Miss Ellie and the movie unfolded.

The last movie she saw? Gone With The Wind!

Tonight

Lions to hear SBA representative

The regular meeting of the Appomattox Lions Club will be held at Maude's Restaurant at 6:45 on Thursday, September 9.

Wilburn W. Buran of the United States Small Business Administration, Richmond, will be guest speaker.

Members are urged to make plans to attend.

Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

In event you are on the waiting list, Fall arrives officially at 4:46 a.m. EDT on Thursday, September 23. That day the sun rises due east and sets due west and if clouds permit may be seen all over Mother Earth for exactly 12 hours, I am ready, except maybe for the 4:46 A.M. part. Most everyone is pleased with the weather we have had lately, although a bit of rain would be useful as this is written Monday A.M.

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Most hunting seasons vary across Virginia. A listing of the seasons, game laws, etc. is available where you buy your hunting license. Traditionally, hunting is a favorite pasttime in Virginia and am sure I miss a lot not being a nimrod. The late Dr. Havilah C. Babcock, Appomattox native, and noted writer, titled one of his popular books, "My Health Is Better in November." Because that's when hunting is in full swing.

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A friend gave me a copy of the bulletin program of Liberty Chapel Baptist Church. This is one of the older churches in our county and shown on the front cover of the bulletin is a picture of a new addition to the church plant. The Rev. James N. Williams is pastor.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr, of Richmond, were in Appomattox recently and was delighted to meet them. They were prominent civic leaders during the years they lived here and they are always welcome.

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Emerson called it The Law of Compensations. A sort of balancing up between good and bad, plus and minus. I was in a happy mood Friday to have a new inspection sticker on my '63 model car. But at the dinner table I got careless and upset a glass of milk, causing havoc.

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Around the corner, a personal anniversary. I moved to Appomattox September 15, 1931.

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A group from Appomattox attended an observance of the birthday of Mrs. O. R. Turnes in Amherst Saturday. Mrs. Turnes and her late husband lived for many years in the Stonewall community of Appomattox County and have many relatives and friends here, as do the daughters, Nellie and Louise and families. Salt of the earth. And many happy returns.

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ACHS had a very good year at football last season, 6-3-1. And it could be even better this time around. The Raiders go against Randolph-Henry, of Charlotte County, this week. Kevin Ferguson was all-area quarterback last year and will be watched closely this year. But football is a team effort and we salute all the Raiders, coaches, cheerleaders, band and fans.

IT WAS LIKE OLD TIMES down at the Appomattox Depot this weekend, when an antique steam engine stopped by to pick up passengers for an excursion run from Roanoke to Norfolk. The steam engine, owned by the Roanoke Transportation Museum, created quite a stir as it sat huffing at the Appomattox Depot. The train traveled to Norfolk, where it had a slight setback. The large steam engine derailed while being moved for night storage, because its length was too great for the tracks, which are designed for today's shorter engines. No one was hurt in the incident. (Photo by Jeff Spitzer)

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